Woodburn Brewing to close, temporarily, as parent company March First opens new shop



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Story Highlights

- Woodburn Brewing temporarily closes as management moves to new bottle shop.
- March First Brands opening third Cincinnati Distilling bottle shop in Monroe.
- Company reassigning Woodburn staff to other locations during closure.

The parent company of Woodburn Brewing in East Walnut Hills is closing the brewery, it says temporarily, as it moves the management team to a new retail endeavor elsewhere in the region. March First Brands, the owner of Cincinnati Distilling, Woodburn Brewing, FigLeaf Brewing and March First Brewing, is opening its third bottle shop for its craft spirits brand. It plans to open a Cincinnati Distilling bottle shop this spring in the Cincinnati Premium Outlets in Monroe. An exact opening date has not been disclosed.

March First Brands in a news release said that the East Walnut Hills-based management team of Woodburn Brewing would be reassigned to the new bottle shop, necessitating the temporary closure of the brewery. "The future of the Woodburn location has not yet been determined but will remain closed for the near term," the news release reads. March First Brands said it will reassign all other Woodburn staff to fill in gaps at its eight other locations. The brewery employed seven.

Josh Engel, marketing manager for March First, said in an email that the management moving from Woodburn is uniquely qualified to represent the spirits business, which is why they were selected for the new bottle shop. He said Woodburn's beers are still being produced, and production was moved to FigLeaf in Middletown years ago. The Cincinnati Premium Outlets bottle shop will be Cincinnati Distilling's third, behind its first in the Kenwood Towne Centre and an upcoming location at Polaris Fashion Place in Columbus. The bottle shop will sell its full line of craft spirits, such as whiskeys, bourbons, rums, vodkas and gins, while partnering with local vendors and artisans to offer other Ohio-made goods. The opening of the Monroe shop is part of March First Brands' strategy to increase its retail presence. "We will be announcing more locations this spring and will be making tactical moves within the current March First Brands footprint to redeploy some of our teams and resources to these new locations," Engel said in a news release.

Woodburn Brewing was founded in 2016 as Woodburn Brewery. <u>It closed in June 2020</u> amid restrictions on capacity put into place during the Covid-19 pandemic. <u>March First Brands acquired the brewery in December 2020</u>, and <u>reopened the rebranded brewery the following year</u>.





MadTree ARBOR DAY PARTY

Arbor Day is big around here! Join us on April 25th to celebrate TREES!

The evening will feature live music from **Jim Trace and The Makers** from 6:00 to 8:30 PM and a new specialty beer, Canopy Rising. And we aren't kidding about the trees... we're giving away 1,200 trees to patrons in

partnership with Stick Nation!



Arbor Day is big around here! Join us this Friday, April 25 at our Oakley Taproom, to celebrate TREES!

The evening will feature live music from <u>Jim Trace and The Makers</u>.

Date: Friday, April 25th,

① Time: 6 PM – 8:30 PM,

🖏 Cost: FREE



Third Eye Brewing Hamilton & <u>Servatii's</u> Present: PRETZEL FEST!

Get ready for the ultimate celebration of beer, pretzels, and fun on April 26th - **National Pretzel Day!** Third Eye Brewing and Servatii are teaming up to bring you Pretzel Fest, an event packed with new brews, mouthwatering pretzel-inspired treats, and exciting activities you won't want to miss.

Featuring: New Beer Release: The bold and delicious 'Double Knotted' Imperial German Pretzel Ale! Special Variants of Gettin' Twisted German Pretzel Ale – More twists including Chocolate, Chocolate Peanut Butter, Cinnamon & Sugar, and Mustard variants! And of course, LOTS of Pretzel Food Specials to satisfy every craving! Fun Games & Activities including Pretzel Eating Contest, Pretzel Toss Competition

Beerionette Challenge is Back! **LIVE Music** with **I DIG PIG** from 7PM to 10PM! AND... A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to **St. Vincent de Paul.**So grab your friends, bring your appetite, and let's get twisted!



DOUBLE KNOTTED IMPERIAL GERMAN PRETZEL ALE 7.5% AVB | 13 IBU

We took our classic Gettin' Twisted German Pretzel Ale and turned it up to imperial status! This beefed-up version packs even more of that savory, malty pretzel goodness you love. Bold, smooth, and irresistibly delicious – it's the ultimate twist on a fan favorite!

RELEASE DATE: April 26, 2025



Help keep Silverton beautiful! Meet at HighGrain Silverton at 9am and hit the streets.

HighGrain will provide bags and gloves, and a very limited amount of pickers. Please feel free to bring your own supplies. Volunteers will receive a small token of appreciation from HighGrain.

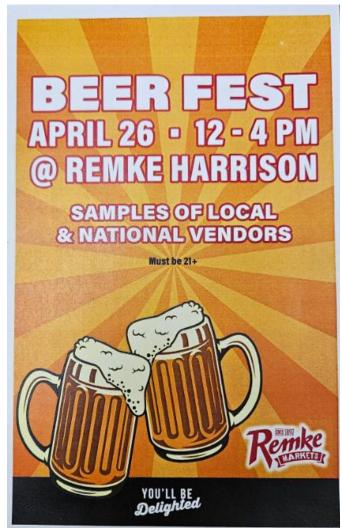


April 25th. - 27th., 2025

HighGrain and Nine Giant are joining forces once again to bring you the 5th Annual Dank Fest A haze-crazy celebration of the stickiest IPAs and munchies that'll have you snackin' like it's 4:20 all day long.

Blaze through both breweries with your **Dank Passport**, and if you're one of the first 100 to complete the journey, you'll score a limited-edition **Dank Fest hat** AND get entered to win a custom pair of **Dank Vans** (yes, in your size — no half-baked prizes here). Come get lifted in flavor, fun, and friendship.





While you shop you can sample 13 to 15 craft beers. With brewery representatives here sampling out some of their regular and new seasonal brews and answering any questions. people may have......most of the vendors will be local because we like to promote the local breweries. some national craft breweries like New Belgium, Bell's and Great Lakes and others will be here also.

Remke Markets in Harrison is located at 10501 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH 45030





10 YEARS. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! (9) CELEBRATE WITH US ON SATURDAY APRIL 26TH!

Ten years ago, Braxton was just an idea—a dream built on a love of craft beer and a passion for bringing people together. Now, we're celebrating a full decade of beers, friendships, and unforgettable moments. Join us on Saturday, April 26th at Braxton Brewing Co. for an unforgettable 10-Year Anniversary Bash. It's more than just a party — it's a celebration of the community that made this decade possible. We'll have rooftop DJs like Nat Jones, JonJon & Saint Francis. Plus, a special anniversary cocktail crafted by the legendary Molly Wellmann.

To commemorate the moment, we're creating a Braxton Time Capsule, and we'd love for you to help fill it. Bring a photo, a note, or a small memento that holds meaning from the past 10 years. You can even leave us a message on our vintage rotary phone to be sealed away for the future.

We wouldn't be here without you, so let's lift one to life and toast to 10 years of Braxton Brewing Company, with many more to come!

INTRODUCING THE ARCHIVE SERIES — A DECADE IN THE MAKING # &

As we celebrate 10 years of brewing, we unlocked our vault to bring back the beers that built our story. The Archive Series is our tribute to the classics, the cult favorites, and the crowdpleasers that have defined Braxton over the years.

We're kicking it off with a true legend: **Braxton Labs Cherry Turnover Berliner Weisse.** Bright cherry tartness meets a smooth graham cracker finish — a summer staple reborn.

Join us this Saturday at our 10-Year Anniversary Party in Covington for the exclusive return of this fan favorite. And stay tuned in, The Archive Series will continue all year long, featuring a rotating lineup of iconic brews from our past.

If you remember them, you already know. If you don't, now's your chance to experience the beers that shaped a decade.

Here's to 10 years — and to the beers worth bringing back. \delta 🗓

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS?! (9) CELEBRATE WITH US THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, AT BRAXTON COVINGTON!





We're releasing our Triple IPA (TIPA) this week.

Biggest IPA in Town? West Side Brewing is releasing their TIPA on Friday April 25th. 12.5% ABV / 122 IBU. We cranked it up to 11 for this special triple IPA. We threw one handful after handful of Columbus, Centennial, Galaxy, and Ekuanot hops into the brew kettle, and followed it up with two rounds of dry hopping. This sunnily golden ale with a sticky white head leads with pungent, dank hop notes that are followed by aromas of citrus and tropical fruits. Clean Crackery malt is only there to support the hops, and some lingering bitterness is present in the finish to remind you that this one is a sipper. 4-packs are available in both the West Side Brewing taproom and at Gilligan's Brewery!



Florence Y'all's Day '25 At Fifty West Wooster Pike Sunday, April 27th from 4pm-8pm

Y'all's team meet & greet Photo op with the Y'all's mascot Games, activities, and raffles

This is a FREE family friendly event! No registration necessary



Meet The Team! The Florence Y'all's are headed back to Fifty West Cincy!

Stop by, meet some players and mascots, and join in some of the fun activities in the beer garden.

We'll have the Pickleball courts blocked off for kids to play with inflatable games.

Schedule 4pm-6pm: Games and activities 6pm-8pm: Meet and greet with the players